REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The Office Action dated June 17, 2003 indicates that Claims 4, 15 and 21 would be allowable if the limitations therein were presented in an independent claim, for which indication the Applicants express their appreciation.

Claims 1, 12 and 20 have been amended to include the limitations of Claims 4, 15 and 27, now cancelled. New Claim 28 includes the limitation in which the irradiation is provided for each of the first and second openings by irradiating for different periods of time. Antecedent basis for the new Claim 28 can be found in the originally filed specification at page 10, lines 13-15.

For the above reasons, it is considered that the claims, as amended, find support in the parent application specification as filed, and that the combination of elements recited in the pending claims, as amended, distinguish over the references of record. Accordingly, an indication of allowable subject matter is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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